

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A production method for a solid electrolytic capacitor which includes a capacitor element including an anode coated with a dielectric oxide film, and an electrically conductive polymer layer provided therein, the method comprising the steps of:

mixing a metal salt of an alkoxybenzenesulfonic acid as an oxidizing agent, with a material for an electrically conductive polymer in a solvent; and

immersing the capacitor element in the resulting mixture solution, and forming the electrically conductive polymer layer in the capacitor element by thermal polymerization.

Claim 2 (Original): A solid electrolytic capacitor production method as set forth in claim 1, wherein a metal for the metal salt is a transition metal selected from the group consisting of iron (III), copper, chromium, cerium, manganese and zinc.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A production method for a solid electrolytic capacitor which includes a capacitor element including an anode coated with a dielectric oxide film, and an electrically conductive polymer layer provided therein, the method comprising the steps of:

mixing an oxidizing agent with a material for an electrically conductive polymer in a solvent,

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immersing the capacitor element in the resulting mixture solution, and  
forming the electrically conductive polymer layer in the capacitor element by thermal  
polymerization,  
wherein the oxidizing agent is a mixture of at least a metal alkoxybenzenesulfonate and a  
metal alkylsulfonate.